

House File 2118 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning health and pension benefits for members and
2 full-time employees of the general assembly.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 2.40, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The member shall pay the premium for the plan selected
4 on the same basis as a full-time state employee excluded from
5 collective bargaining as provided in chapter 20. However, the
6 member shall pay a portion of the total premium for the plan
7 selected in an amount as determined by the legislative council.
8 The payment amount as determined by the legislative council
9 shall be at least one hundred dollars per month.

10 Sec. 2. Section 2.40, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A full-time employee of the general
13 assembly who elects to become a member of a state group
14 insurance plan for employees of the state established under
15 chapter 509A shall pay a portion of the total premium for the
16 plan selected in an amount as determined by the legislative
17 council. The payment amount as determined by the legislative
18 council shall be at least one hundred dollars per month.

19 Sec. 3. Section 97B.1A, subsection 26, paragraph a,
20 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (d), Code Supplement
21 2011, is amended to read as follows:

22 (d) For a member of the general assembly, the total
23 compensation received by a member of the general assembly,
24 ~~whether paid in the form of per diem or annual salary,~~
25 exclusive of expense expenses, per diem, and travel allowances
26 paid to a member of the general assembly except as otherwise
27 provided in this subparagraph division. Wages includes per
28 diem payments paid to members of the general assembly during
29 interim periods between sessions of the general assembly.
30 ~~Wages also includes daily allowances to members of the general~~
31 ~~assembly for nontravel expenses of office during a session of~~
32 ~~the general assembly, but does not include the portion of the~~
33 ~~daily allowance which exceeds the maximum established by law~~
34 ~~for members from Polk county.~~

35 Sec. 4. Section 97B.1A, subsection 26, paragraph a,

1 subparagraph (2), subparagraph divisions (h) and (i), Code
2 Supplement 2011, are amended to read as follows:

3 (h) Reimbursements of employee business expenses ~~except for~~
4 ~~those expenses included as wages for a member of the general~~
5 ~~assembly.~~

6 (i) Payments for allowances ~~except for those allowances~~
7 ~~included as wages for a member of the general assembly.~~

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EXPLANATION

9 This bill concerns the health and pension benefits provided
10 for members and full-time employees of the general assembly.

11 Code section 2.40, concerning membership in state insurance
12 plans relative to members and employees of the general
13 assembly, is amended to provide that if members or full-time
14 employees of the general assembly elect coverage in the state
15 group health plan, members and employees shall pay a portion of
16 the total premium for the plan selected in an amount determined
17 by the legislative council. The bill provides that the amount
18 determined by the legislative council shall be at least \$100
19 per month.

20 Code section 97B.1A(26), concerning the definition of wages
21 for purposes of the Iowa public employees' retirement system
22 (IPERS), is amended to provide that per diem payments and daily
23 allowance paid to members of the general assembly are not
24 considered wages for purposes of IPERS.